

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed July 15, 2004. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 6, 8 – 9, 11 – 16 and 21 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has added claim 21, has amended claims 6 and 11, and has canceled claims 1 – 5, 7, 10 and 17 - 20 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant has canceled claims 1 – 5, 7, 10 and 17 - 20 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action indicates that claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. As set forth above, Applicant has canceled claim 5 and respectfully assert that the rejection has been rendered moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 - 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fu*. The Office Action also indicates that claims 1 - 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Mandahl*. In this regard, Applicant has canceled claims 1 – 5, 7, 10 and 17 – 20, and respectfully asserts that the rejection as to these claims has been rendered moot. Additionally, Applicant has amended claims 6, 8 and 9 such that each now depends from newly-added claim 21, the allowability of

which will is described below. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection of claims 6, 8 and 9 has been rendered moot. With respect to the remaining claims, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

With respect to the rejection under *Mandahl*, Applicant submits herewith a declaration indicating that *Mandahl* is not a proper reference for rejecting the pending claims. In particular, the declaration indicates that the claimed invention was conceived and that Applicant diligently pursued patenting of the claimed invention through the constructive reduction to practice of the claimed invention as evidenced by Applicant filing the present application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under *Mandahl* be removed.

With respect to *Fu*, Applicant respectfully asserts that *Fu* is concerned with providing a computer printer system that is particularly adapted for printing to a remote printer that eliminates the need for a myriad of printer drivers being installed on the host server. Although *Fu* mentions the use of a PDA, Applicant respectfully asserts that *Fu* does not teach or reasonably suggest the use of a remote print request system, *e.g.*, an appropriately configured PDA, in the manner recited in the presently pending claims, as will be described in detail below.

Turning now to the claims, claim 11 recites:

11. A print system for use with an intranet, the intranet being configured to store information corresponding to documents available for printing, said print system comprising:

a document retrieval system communicatively coupled with the intranet, said document retrieval system being configured to receive document reference information corresponding to a document to be printed and printer information corresponding to a network printer and, in response thereto, provide print information corresponding to the document to be printed to the network printer via the Internet such that the network printer prints the document; and

a remote print request system configured to communicatively couple with said document retrieval system, said remote print request system being further configured to receive document reference information corresponding to

documents available for printing via the intranet, ***store the document reference information remotely from the intranet***, enable selection by a user of a document to be printed, and ***provide the document reference information corresponding to a document selected to be printed to said document retrieval system***.

(Emphasis Added).

Applicant respectfully asserts that *Fu* does not teach or reasonably suggest at least the features/limitations emphasized above in claim 11. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 11 is in condition for allowance.

Since claims 12 - 16 incorporate all the features/limitations of claim 11, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims also are in condition for allowance. Additionally, these claims recite other features/limitations that can serve as an independent basis for patentability.

By way of example, claim 12 recites:

12. The print system of claim 11, wherein said remote print request system is configured to communicatively couple with a network printer such that ***said remote print request system is able to receive printer information corresponding to the network printer and provide said document retrieval system with the printer information***.

(Emphasis Added).

Applicant respectfully asserts that *Fu* does not teach or reasonably suggest at least these additional features/limitations emphasized above in claim 12. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 12 clearly is in condition for allowance.

Newly Added Claims

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, Applicant has added new independent claim 21 and respectfully asserts that this claim and its respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Specifically, claim 21 recites:

21. A method for remotely printing a document, said method comprising:
communicatively coupling a personal digital assistant (PDA) to an
intranet, the intranet providing access to document reference information
corresponding to documents available for printing;
storing the document reference information with the PDA;
retrieving printer information corresponding to a network printer
using the PDA, the network printer being configured to communicatively
couple with the intranet via the Internet; and
communicating, from the PDA, the printer information and the
document reference information corresponding to a document to be printed
such that information for printing the document is communicated to the
network printer via the intranet and the Internet with the document being
printed at the network printer.
(Emphasis Added).

Applicant respectfully asserts that *Fu* does not teach or reasonably suggest at least the features/limitations emphasized above in claim 21. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 21 is in condition for allowance. Since claims 6, 8 and 9 incorporate all the features/limitations of claim 21, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims also are in condition for allowance. Additionally, these claims recite other features/limitations that can serve as an independent basis for patentability.

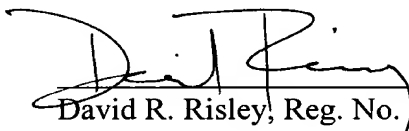
Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

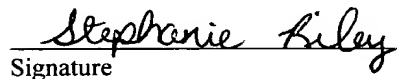
In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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